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'Capitol' idea: March tour combines history, fellowship



Above: Members' cars wind their way along the backroads to Frankfort. (Photo by Tammy Godbey.) Top, right: Ashley Blair, daughter of John and Karen Blair, took her dog, Daysi, on the tour. Bottom, right: Herman and Nancy Butler hosted the March tour.

A beautiful spring day brought out 39 people and 18 Model A Fords for a tour to the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History on March 27. **Herman and Nancy Butler** chose a scenic route through horse farm country for the trip to Frankfort. We then wound our way around the state capitol building and on to Midway College for lunch. **Sharon Floyd** was the lucky winner of the split-the-pot drawing, and **Bruce Bailey** and **John Blair** won door prizes.

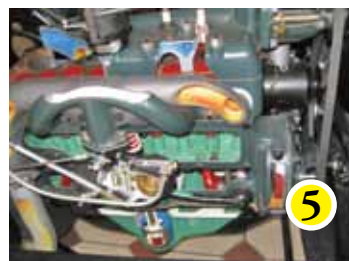
Spring overnight tour, April 30 – May 2

The group will depart from McDonald's on Leestown Road in Lexington at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 30. For additional details, see last month's *Checkmark* or call **Darrell Webb** (contact information in the box on page 2).

News flash — CKMARC to host 2013 Nat'l Meet!

See details on page 2

Scenes from MARC Membership Meet in Terre Haute, Ind.



1. Top row, from left: Linda Dalton, Barbara Tearney, Gail Wickersham, Allan Wickersham, Rita Nation, Becky Yates. Bottom row: Mike Tearney, Delmer Dalton, Burt Nation, John Yates. 2. In a maneuver that's certain to trigger memories for Carl Goodwin (see page 3), the group crosses a stream without the benefit of a bridge. 3. Historic Bridgeton is home to a 19th-century mill. 4. The 1873 Mecca Covered Bridge is one of dozens of such structures in the area. 4. The engine of a "cutaway" Model A chassis, on display at meet headquarters, and ultimately intended for the National Model A Museum in Michigan (See Editors' Notes on page 2). 5. The left headlamp of the cutaway chassis. (Photos courtesy of Delmer and Linda Dalton.)

President's message

The club has plenty of fun planned for the coming touring season, so mark your calendar for the dates listed on the back page of the newsletter. Thanks to the members who volunteer their time to plan our tours and events. We're a true touring club, and that wouldn't be possible without your help. See you down the road!

— *Jerry Baker*

Treasurer's report

If anyone mentions to you that they didn't receive this issue of *Checkmark*, it might be because they haven't paid their dues for 2010. We don't like to see anyone dropped from the roster. Please urge them to send me their dues or call me if they have any questions or concerns. My contact information is in the red box below.

— *Mike Tearney*

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It's official:

We're to host 2013 MARC National Meet

Our region's bid to host the 2013 MARC National Meet has been accepted, and the news was announced at the recent Membership Meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

At the closing banquet, **Delmer Dalton** spoke on behalf of Central Kentucky MARC, inviting one and all to come and enjoy our hospitality. Afterward, many people remarked that they had enjoyed our 2006 Membership Meet and were eager to return to Kentucky.

Watch for news of planning meetings and get involved. It's not just a lot of work; it's a lot of fun.

If you've never been to a MARC National Meet, there's never been a better opportunity to experience one than this year — it's June 13-18 in French Lick, Ind. That's an easy one-day drive in a Model A.

For more information on CKMARC's travel plans to this year's National Meet, see page 4.

Editors' notes

Buy a raffle ticket to help support the National Model A Ford Museum — which will be built at the Gilmore Car Museum complex in Hickory Corners, Mich. — for \$10 per ticket (or three for \$25, or nine for \$50). The drawing will take place July 1, 2011. Contact **Jeff Rhoads** for more details.

A huge note of thanks to **Carl Goodwin** for sharing his wonderful story for this issue of the newsletter. In the near future, watch for a tech tip from Walter Brumfield. Please keep your stories and tips coming. You can write it and give it to **Martha Baker** or **Jeff Rhoads**, or e-mail it to Checkmark@ckmarc.com. Or, if you prefer, just let one of us know that you have something to share (we know you do!), and we'll be happy to write it for you.

At this point, we have five members who have opted out of the print version of *Checkmark* and, beginning with this issue, will be receiving it by e-mail only. This not only saves the club money; it also means they'll receive their copy of the newsletter several days earlier. To choose this option, e-mail Checkmark@ckmarc.com.



Ramona and Carl Goodwin. (Photo courtesy of Tammy Godbey.)



Carl keeps his current Model A "high and dry." (Photo courtesy of Tammy Godbey.)

My first ride in a Model A

by Carl Goodwin

I was four or five years old when I first remember riding in a Model A Ford that belonged to Mr. Hawkins, our neighbor. Dad did not have a car at that time but had owned a Model A before. The only thing I remember about it was a black car parked in the barn most of the time.

We lived on an unimproved road, or lane, which was off a road called Buttermilk Pike about three miles from Hillsboro in Fleming County. We would often walk to Hillsboro to church and for necessities from time to time, and I would often see the Hawkins car as we walked past their house. Dad and mom depended a lot on a huckster bus that came maybe twice a month, the Raleigh liniment man, and the Sears & Roebuck catalog for many necessities. Since our family was large and we lived on a farm, money was scarce — so it had to be spent wisely. We would often trade eggs, chickens, or other goods for food from the huckster.

Mom's upper teeth were bad, and she had them pulled by a dentist in Flemingsburg, which was maybe 16 or 18 miles away. Dad and mom couldn't justify the cost of false teeth from the dentist, so it was decided to order the teeth from Sears & Roebuck. That shouldn't be much of a surprise, because they sold just about anything you needed.

We received a package in the mail that had stuff in it that looked a lot like Silly Putty. She placed it in her mouth, using her fingers to make sure it was properly in place. After a few minutes it was hardened, and she took it out of her mouth. It was placed in the package and mailed back so the false teeth could be made.

In a few weeks, a letter arrived announcing that the teeth were ready, but a federal postal regulation prohibited delivery to a rural mail box. Directions were to pick them up at a post office in Salt Lick, which was in another

county and much farther away than Flemingsburg. Since dad did not have a car, he asked Mr. Hawkins if he would drive mom and him to Salt Lick. He agreed, and plans were made for the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and my parents. I don't know why, but I was allowed to go, too. It must have been because I was such a lovable and good kid.

I remember the men talking about which way to go. We could go through Morehead, which was considerably farther, or go the shorter route where there was no bridge crossing the Licking River. The decision was that since there had not been much rain lately (this indicates to me that it was summer, and since dad bought a '34 Ford in the summer when I was five, I surely must have been four at the time), we should go the shortest way and ford (or perhaps "Ford") the river.

As we approached the river, Mr. Hawkins stopped at a small country store where a man sat in a chair on the front porch. Mr. Hawkins asked the man for the best way to cross. The man motioned back and forth with his hands, explaining which way to go to keep the car from drowning out. He said if it did, however, he could pull us out.

Once we got into the water, things seemed to go well until all of a sudden, the car quit running in the middle of the river. Dad got out and waded to the shore as we sat there with all four doors open and water running through the car. Mrs. Hawkins, mom, and I were in the back seat, where water was seemingly five or six inches deep in the center. A team of horses pulled us to the other side where the men "fixed" the car so it would run again. We went on to the post office in Salt Lick to pick up the teeth.

I do not remember the trip back home. I probably slept all the way, because this was quite an adventure for a young kid. I never found out which way we went home, but I'd bet it was through Morehead.

Drive your A to the 2010 MARC National Meet

French Lick, Ind. — June 13-18

Your experience with a Model A — and with Model A people — isn't complete until you've traveled with a group to a MARC National Meet.

The CKMARC contingent will leave from McDonald's in Palomar Shopping Center in Lexington at 8:30 on Sunday morning, June 13. Our lunch stop will be at Mike Linnig's Restaurant in Louisville. Then, it's on to French Lick. The day's total mileage will be about 200.

On Monday and Tuesday, the group plans to begin driving the self-guided tours of the area. We'll attend the Welcome Party on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, we'll do more touring, take the vintage train ride in the afternoon, and attend the ice cream social that evening. We'll participate in the mandatory tour on Thursday, and head for home on Friday — with a lunch stop at Doe Run Inn in Brandenburg, Ky.

The application form is in the center of your January-February issue of *Model A News*. (Please note that the registration fee is \$20 higher if your application is postmarked after May 10.)

Jeff and Mary Rhoads are mapping the routes and making our lunch arrangements. Please let them know as soon as possible if you're planning to go with the group, so they can get an accurate head count. Their contact information is in the box on page 2.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **April 30-May 2** — Weekend tour to Creation Museum and northern Ky. (**Darrell and Joan Webb**).
- ✓ **May 22** — Car display at Thomas Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore (**Jack and Linda Kubik**).
- ✓ **June 13-18** — MARC National Meet, French Lick, Ind. (**Jeff and Mary Rhoads**).
- ✓ **June 26** — Model A/Model T combined event in Jessamine County (**Bill and Lee Baker**).
- ✓ **July 3** — Running board picnic and auction in Shelby County (**Burt and Rita Nation**).
- ✓ **July 17** — Keeneland Concours d' Elegance, Lexington (**John Yates**).
- ✓ **Aug. 14** — Tour to Moyer Winery, Manchester, Ohio (**Walter and Judy Brumfield**).
- ✓ **Sept. 11** — Tour to Springfield (**Burt and Rita Nation, Bruce and Linda Bailey**).
- ✓ **Sept. 18** — William Whitley House display, Lincoln County (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Oct. 21-24** — Long weekend in Monticello; joint event with western Kentucky and Louisville clubs (**John and Loretta Baker**). Hotel reservations: (606) 340- 8687. See the February issue of *Checkmark* for more details.
- ✓ **Nov. 13** — Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11** — Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).